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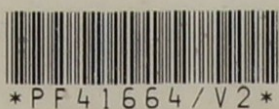
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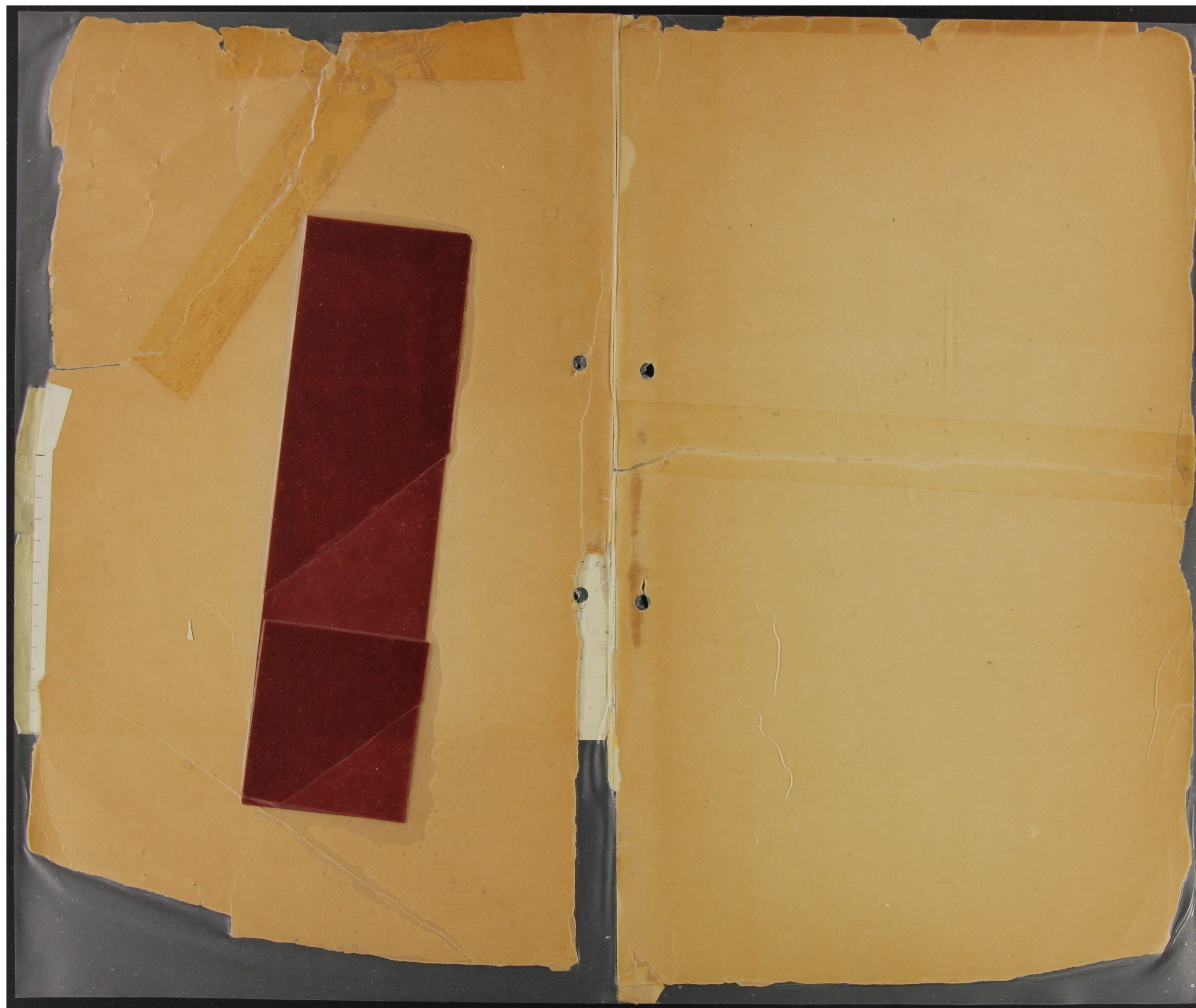
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205.

2.2.37 Int. letter from Victor GOLLANCZ to Otto KATZ.
 3.2.38. Cross-reference to "Simon".

205a

205b.

206.

3.37. Cross-reference re - .

206a.

207.

19.3.37. S.B. report re arrival of - , dated 17.3.37.

207a.

208.

20.3.37. Copy of Arrival Card for - .

208a.

209.

23.3.37. To S.B. re KATZ.

209a.

210.

25.3.37. S.B. report re departure of Otto KATZ.

210a.

210.

25.3.37. S.B. report re departure of Otto KATZ.

211a.

212.

31.3.37. Copy of Departure card for Otto Katz.

212a.

213.

4.37. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from KORTNER.
 4.5.37. Copy of Traffic Index Arrival Card for KATZ
 214.

213a.

213b.

12.7.37. S.B. report re Otto KATZ.

214a.

13.7.37. S.B. report re KATZ.

214b.

215.

15.7.37. To S.I.S. re KATZ.
 26.7.37. Cross-reference to "Simon".

215a

215b.

216.

On instructions from B requisitioned KATZ's Home Office file to see how matters stood with regard to his admission to this country. Showed the file to B who thought that there was nothing further to be done and that we should have to put up with the fact that KATZ is now allowed to come here.

S9.

27.7.37.

217.

27.7.37. File K.694 KATZ returned to H.O.

218.

2.9.37.

From N.S.Y. dated 1.9.37. re 209a Otto KATZ

218

219.

3.9.37

To S.B. in reply to 218a.

219a
219b

7.9.37.

Cross-reference to "Simon".

220.

13.9.37.

Int. letter to Katz received on 13.9.37.

220a

11.10.37.

Cross reference to report from Australia re - .

220b

221.

18.10.37.

B.4b

Mr. MacAlpine called up to say that Otto KATZ was arriving Sunday 17.10.37. Ellen Wilkinson had written in about him. Mr. White was away so could not refer.

After seeing file I suggested that I.O. should be told to let him in again but for 14 days only. I presume S.B. will get particulars of his recent travels from his P.P.

B.2b

18.10.37.

222.

19.10.37.

S.B. report, dated 18.10.37, re. arrival of KATZ.

222

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177.

In view of information at 176a, spoke Mr Kelsey, G.P.O., and mentioned that although we had evidence that Otto KATZ was still using the addresse covered by the H.O.W. at 174a, we were getting very little result from the check. Mr Kelsey agreed to look into the working of this check.

S.9.

14.1.36.

W. Kelsey

178.

15.1.36. Note from G.P.O. re - .

178a.

179.

28.2.36. Cross reference re -

179a.

180.

6.36. Cross reference to intercepted letter re - .

180a.

17.6.36. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from MONTAGU.

180b.

181.

19.6.36. Int: letter from Lord Marley to Isabel Brown re - .

181a.

23.6.36. Int. letter from Ellen WILKINSON to Otto KATZ.

181b.

182.

30.6.36. S.3.a. asked to try T.I. for Ruth FREY, vide 180b, but without result.

183.

7.7.36. Copy of note re. Otto KATZ given to H.O.

183a.

184.

10.7.36. Int. letter from I. MONTAGU to O. KATZ.

184a.

185.

14.7.36. Copy of wire from Ellen WILKINSON to KATZ.

185a.

186.

14.7.36. Int. letter from Ellen WILKINSON to KATZ.

186a.

187.

30.7.36. Int. letter from E. WILKINSON to KATZ.

187a.

188.

31.7.36. To S.B. re 187a.

188a.

189.

~~3.8.36. Int. letter to - from J.H. Moss crop.~~ Destroyed.~~189a.~~

190.

4.8.36. Cross-reference to - .

190a.

191.

5.8.36. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from E.J.BURFORD.

191a.

6.8.36. S.B.report, dated 5.8.36, re. arrival of KATZ.

191b.

11.8.36. Copy of arrival card for KATZ.

191c.

192.

12.8.36. To G.P.O. putting 2 weeks' obsn. on E.J.BURFORD, 17 Cleveland Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.9.

29.8.36. Int: letter from Otto KATZ to Isabel BROWN.

192x.

29.8.36. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from Paul WACHSMANN.

192a.

31.8.36. Int. letter from Isabel BROWN to KATZ.

193y.

31.8.36. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from Erwin KRAFT.

193x.

2.9.36. Result of obsn. as at 192. New in PF 45261

193a.

194.

3.9.36. Int. letter from E.J. BURFORD to Otto KATZ.

194a.

195.

8.9.36. Int. letter from SIDEY to Otto KATZ.

195a.

11.9.36. Cross reference to int. letter re KATZ.

195b.

196.

14.9.36. Cross reference to letter to S.I.S.

196x.

16.9.36. To S.I.S. re KATZ and E.J.BURFORD.

196a.

197.

25.9.36. Cross-reference re - .

197a.

28.9.36. Cross-reference re - . 198.

197b.

30.9.36. Int. letter from GOLLANCZ Ltd to Isabel BROWN, enclosing a letter to KATZ.

198a.

199.

10.11.36. Int. letter to KATZ from GOLLANCZ.

199a.

200.

24.11.36. Int. letter to KATZ from Ellen WILKINSON.

200a.

201.

December 1936. Annual Revision of H.O.W. on Otto KATZ.

201a.

20.1.37. Copy of wire from "Simon" to Isabel BROWN.

201b.

202.

21.1.37. Int. letter from Erwin KRAFT to Otto KATZ.

202a.

25.1.37. Cross-reference to "SIMON".

202b.

203.

25.1.37. Int: letter from Victor GOLLANCZ to Otto KATZ.

203a.

27.1.37. Cross-reference to "Simon".

203b.

204.

29. 1.37. Cross reference to Int. letter from BURFORD to -

204a.

5. 2.37. Int letter.

204b

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151.

12.34. Int. letter to Isabel BROWN enclosing letter for Otto. 151a.

152¹₂

2.34. Cross reference re - . 152a

153.

2.34. Copy of departure card of - 153a
 2.34. Cross-reference re letter to - from Lord MARLEY. 153b
 1.35. Copy of S.I.S. report mentioning KATZ. 153c

154.

Spoke Captain Liddell about raising the question of KATZ's exclusion with the Home Office once more. Captain Liddell finally decided that it would be better to do nothing for the present, but to bring up the whole case when KATZ next comes to this country.

S9.

17.1.35.

155.

26.2.35. Extract re H.O.W. on - . 155a.

8.3.35. Int. wire from Isabel BROWN to Otto KATZ. 155b.

156.

4.35. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from Max HODANN. 156a

4.35. Cross Reference re KATZ.O. 156b.

157.

3.35. Cross reference from letter from GOLDSMITH to - 157a.

4.35. Cross reference from int. letter re - 157b.

4.35. Cross reference from int. letter re -. 157c.

158.

4.35. Int. letter from KATZ to I.BROWN. 158a

159.

5.35. To H.O. re 158a. 159a

160.

22.5.35. Intercepted letter from Otto KATZ to Isabel BROWN. 160a.

161.

35. Int. letter from Isabel BROWN to Otto KATZ, Comité d'Aide Internationale. 161a.

162.

35. To H.O. re 160a in continuation of 159a. 162a.

163.

6.35. Int. letter from Ivor MONTAGU to Otto KATZ, forwarding copy of letter to Princess BIBESCO. 163a.

7.6.35. Int. letter to KATZ from Lord MARLEY 163b

164.

19. 6.35. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from C. HADEN GUEST. 164a

165.

2.7.35. H.O.file K.694 re Otto KATZ 165a.

166.

4.7.35. To F.O. re 159a. 166a.

167.

20.7.35. Int: wire from Lord LISTOWEL to Otto KATZ. 167a.
19.8.35. Cross reference from int. letter from Leo LANIA to - . 167b

168.

17.9.35. Copy of letter to F.O. 168a.

169.

21.9.35. Int. letter from ROST to Leo LANIA re - . 169a
12.10.35. Int. letter from Earl of LISTOWEL to KATZ. 169b

170.

15.10.35. Copy of letter to G.P.O. mentioning KATZ. 170a.

171.

22.10.35. Cross-reference to - in connection with HODANN. 171a.
22.11.35. Extract re KATZ from letter to S.I.S. 171b.

172.

Captain Liddell.

The H.O.W. on Otto KATZ has come up for renewal at the half-yearly revision. We have been getting only about one return a month lately. Do you think it is worth taking out a further warrant on him?

S9.
2.12.35.

173.

S.9.

I think it would be as well to "ginger up" the G.P.O. about this check. It should produce results, and is generally speaking of value.

S.8.
3.12.35.

174.

11.12.35. Renewal of H.O.W. on KATZ. 174a.
13.12.35. Cross reference from S.I.S. report re - . 174b.

175.

18.12.35. To S.I.S. re check. 175a,

176.

9. 1.36. From S.I.S. re - . 176a.

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Minute Sheet No. 3.

128.

7.34 Int. wire to KATZ from Arthur London 128a
 7.34 Photostat of p.o. to KATZ from Reynolds Illustrated News 128b

129.

7.34 [Int. wire from Sidney BERNSTEIN to KATZ] *P.F. 44500* 129a

130.

7.34 Int. wire to KATZ from Reynolds News 130a

131. *Now in P.F. 88/940*

7.34 Photostat of letter from Ruth MEYER to KATZ 131a

132.

7.34 Intercepted letter from *Alex* le G. to KATZ. 132a.

133.

8.34 Intercepted letter from MONTAGUE to KATZ. 133a.
 8.34 Extract from intercepted letter from E. BROWN to E. WILKINSON. 133b.
 8.34 Extract from int. letter from Ellen/to Isabel BROWN. 133c.
 8.34 Photostat of int. letter ¹³⁴ from Dora FABIAN to KATZ 134x
 8.34 Photostat of letter to KATZ from Ellen WILKINSON 134a

135.

8.34. Photostat of intercepted letter from Isabel BROWN to Otto KATZ. 135a.

136.

8.34. Photostat of intercepted letter from to Otto KATZ. 136a.

137.

0.9.34. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from Kingsley MARTIN. 137a.
 0.9.34. " " from M. Davidson to S. Gottschalk re ---- 137B.

138.

1.9.34. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from Dora FABIAN. 138a.

139.

4.9.34. Cross reference re - 139a.

140.

3.10.34. Copy of wire from Otto KATZ, Amsterdam.
 (16.10.34.) From G.P.O. giving address in Paris added to H.O.W.
 (15.10.34.) Cross reference re int. letter from WESEMANN to -.
 141.

140

S.11.

Reference 140a, could you please obtain any available particulars concerning Otto KATZ's companion?

S.9.

20.10.34

16.10.34.
 Cross-reference to letter to - from MARLEY

142.

*Sg Report herewith re telegram from Katz to
 Cumberland Hotel. J.S. 11
 23.10.34*

142a.

143.

30.10.34. Int. letter to Otto KATZ re Potemkin film.

143a

144.

7.11.34. Int. letter to Otto KATZ from Lord MARLEY.

144a

145a.

13.11.34. Int. telegram from KATZ to KATZ.
 18.11.34. Cross-reference re - .

146.

20.11.34. Cross reference from P.F. 41490 LEHMANN re Otto KATZ.

146a

147.

20.11.34. Int. wire from LISTOWEL to KATZ.

147a

148.

22.11.34. Int. wire from LISTOWEL to KATZ.

148a

149.

22.11.34. Extract ~~re~~ Otto KATZ.

150.

December 1934. H.O.W. on KATZ at 10, rue Dombasle and 83, Boulevard Montparnasse, Paris.

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106.

4.34. S.B. report on KATZ dated 26.4.34. 106a.

107.

7.4.34. Traffic Index result for L.LOWENSTEIN 107a
 8.4.34 Minute from S.8 to B., taken to H.O., re 97b, 97c 107b

108.

8.5.34. To S.I.S. re 107a. 108a.
 8.5.34 Photostat of letter to KATZ+ from Reynolds' Illustrated News 108b
 109.

9.5.34. Int. wire from London to KATZ, Paris, dated 19.4.34. 109a.

110.

10.5.34. To S.I.S. re 109a. 110a.

111.

11.5.34. Particulars of telephone papers, vide 109a. 111a.

112.

12.5.34 From H.O. returning minute filed at 107b 112a

113.

17.5.34 To F.O., re 112a. 113a

114.

14.5.34 From S.I.S., re 110a 114a

115.

29.5.34. To G.P.O. extending H.O.W. on KATZ to address at 114a. 115a.

116.

29.5.34 From S.I.S., re LOWENSTEIN, in reply to 108a 116a
 4.6.34 Cross reference re int. wires to KATZ, not thought to
 be identical with Otto - 116b.

117.

4.6.34. From S.I.S. re Alexander Saskind ABUSCH. 117a

118.

4.6.34. From S.I.S. re Hans Theodore FOEL. 118a
 16.6.34. Int.wire to KATZ re The Grange, Buckfast. 118b
 15.6.34. Int. letter from Elise BRACKENBURY to - . 118c

18.6.34. From S.I.S. re Alexander Saskind ABUSCH incontinuation
 of 117a. 119a.

120.

20.6.34. To C.C. Devon re 118b

120a

121.

23.6.34 Photostat of letter to - from PRITT

121a

122.

27.6.34 From Asst. C.C. Devon in reply to 120a

122a

123.

2.7.34.

SF 455/44
[Int. letter to KATZ from Reynolds's Illustrated News.

123

124.

With reference to telegram addressed to KATZ at 118b, and letter at 120a, S.3(a) asked to try Traffic Index, in order to ascertain whether KATZ was in the country at the time. There is no record on the Traffic Index of KATZ's presence in the U.K. since his departure on 8.5.34. noted at 107c.

The telegram can, therefore, not be intended for Otto KATZ.

S.8.

5.7.34.

5.7.34 Photostat of letter to KATZ from MARLEY
10.7.34 Int. letter to KATZ from Reynolds's Illustrated News.
9.7.34 Photostat of letter to KATZ from Elise
11.7.34 Int. letter from Ellen WILKINSON to Otto KATZ.

124a

124b

124c

125a.

126.

Sg.
Ref 125a:- Did MUNKENBERG go to USA after all? The Americans might like to know then if we are sure about the identity of "our friend"
R: 3608
G.L. 13/7/34

G.L. 13/7
Sg.
I don't know but have warned the Americans & have asked them to try & find out on wires on fire
K.L.

Sg.
13.7.34

93.

94.

95.

1714

PF. 38727

Please see notes at 94a from [MARLEY] and his secretary to Otto KATZ and Willi MUNZENBERG. Two principal points emerge: first that [Dora FABIAN] has been adopted by MARLEY as his secretary (hence the outburst of correspondence in German, which MARLEY does not know) and second that Otto KATZ, having permission to come to England, is to save MARLEY the trouble of continued applications to the Home Office for permits to other people by acting as general intermediary with Willi in matters of importance.

S. 9.
17.4.34.

59. Seen.
— I think we ought to make the position quite clear to the Home Office, before KASZ applies.

Level 214

97.

9.4.34.	Int. letter to W.I.R., Paris, from MARLEY.	97a.
.34	Photostat of letter to H.O. from MARLEY, sent to KATZ	97b
3	Photostat of letter from MARLEY to MUNZENBERG.	97c
	98.	

Int. letter to KATZ from MARLEY. 98a.

99.

S. 8.

Please see 97a and 98a. With reference to [Lord Marley's] letter of 20.4.34 I informed Supt. Canning that KATZ was coming on the evening of the 23rd and asked him to do what he could to keep track of him. Telephone message last night from Canning was to the effect that he had arrived. Now C. tells me he arrived with Gladys Rosenberg. They were met by Allen Wilkinson. I have gone to Royal Hotel Wolran Place W.C.1. Here Rosenberg has signed the Register as Peter Lorre: an offence, but S.B. are holding off making a report.

You may care to look through these two letters with a view to defining more closely what Lord MARLEY's

[P.T. Over.]

connections with Willi MUNZENBERG, the W.I.R. organisation as a whole and KATZ really are. My impression is that they are fairly close and that MARLEY is at least semi-conscious of what is going on, but chooses for convenience sake not to be. The expression "If Otto wants to come over only on this subject" indicates, I think, a doubt. My own impression is that MARLEY has said or indicated that his heart would not grieve about what his eye does not see. If this is correct and if the Home Secretary can be got to speak to MARLEY on the subject, I think the letter of 19.4.34 offers a basis. The line taken might be "Why do so many of these people want to come here for the few purposes you indicate? Is not it because they are really up to something else?"

S.9.

24.4.34.

24.4.34

Copy of arrival card for Otto KATZ (23.4.34)
100.

99a

Spoke S.9. who have asked S.B. to question Ladislav LOWENSTEIN and to let us know the results.
RECORDED
F1 JUN 1960

S.8.

25.4.34.

101.

26.4.34. S.3(a) asked to telephone Traffic Index for traces of arrival of L.LOWENSTEIN @ P.LORRE. There is no trace of this man under these names. A further search will be made later.
RECORDED
F1 JUN 1960

102.

26.4.34. To S.I.S. re LOWENSTEIN

102a

103.

Note

With reference to 100 above, a Special Branch officer rang up on 25.4.34. and stated that LOWENSTEIN, who is staying with Otto KATZ at the Royal Hotel, at first registered in the name of Peter LORRE, but as he has since registered in his correct name of LOWENSTEIN, S.B. are not going to interview him unless we ring up and say we want this done. Observation is still being kept on both LOWENSTEIN and KATZ.
RECORDED
F1 JUN 1960

S.9.

26.4.34.

(Sd) M.H.

104.

Note.

Re 103 above, spoke Inspector Gill. Special Branch will continue to keep observation on LOWENSTEIN and KATZ and let us have the result. It was decided that since the Secretary of State had given permission to KATZ to come to England, it would be better not to interrogate LOWENSTEIN on this occasion, unless there was evidence to show that he was definitely mixing himself up with Communist matters.
RECORDED
F1 JUN 1960

S.8.

26.4.34.

105.

27.4.34. S.B. report on LOWENSTEIN and KATZ dated 25.4.34.

19 OCT 1937

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

Met

SUBJECT

Otto KATZ.

18th. day of

Reference to Papers.

300/VIR/32.

With reference to telephone

5.50 p.m., 17th. October, from Inspector

Dover, concerning Otto KATZ, and

Memorandum dated 7th. September, 1937.

Acting on instructions from Inspector

met the Dover-Victoria train, which arrived

Station at 7.35 p.m. on 17th. October, 1937.

observed to leave the train. He appeared to be travelling

alone, and was not met by any person at the station. After

making use of a public telephone box, KATZ boarded a taxi

and left the station, proceeding in the direction of

Victoria Street. I at once followed in a taxi, having

warned my driver to follow at a discreet distance. Shortly

after leaving Victoria Station, while in Victoria Street,

vehicle was stopped in traffic, while that of KATZ continued

its journey, and was thus lost. I had not, by that time,

taken the Index Number of KATZ'S taxi. After a short

search for the suspect's vehicle, I went to the Russell

Hotel, KATZ'S intended London address, where I found that

had just previously called, had been refused admission, as

the Hotel was full, and had at once left, without stating

his destination. I then made enquiries in the Southampton

Row district without success.

Further enquiries made by me at hotels in the

vicinity of Russell Square, on the morning of 18th. October,

were also with a negative result.

Submitted. Chas

Inspector.

Amise.
P.C.
SUPERINTENDENT.

M.P.-37-12569/10M 148W

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT KATZ,

17th day of October

1937

Otto.

Reference to Papers.

100/1118/32.

In confirmation of telephone message to Superintendent at 5.40 p.m. this day:

Otto KATZ, Czecho-Slovakian, subject of Superintendent's memorandum dated 7th September, 1937, arrived at this port at 5 p.m. today from Calais. He was conditionally landed for 14 days for the purpose of visit to V. GOLLANZ Ltd., concerning the publishing of a book.

KATZ was travelling alone and gave his intended address as the Russell Hotel, W.C. He left on boat train due Victoria about 7 p.m. travelling in 2nd class coach No. 7975, 2nd coach from rear of train.

Description: age 42, height 5'6", hair dark brown; medium build, slightly round shoulders.

Dress: grey trilby hat, dark grey overcoat; dark grey socks, black shoes.

Submitted.

J. O'Riordan
Inspector.

Chas. G. Ho
SU. BRINTENDENT.

220B
P.F.41664C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E.SUBJECT:- KATZ, Otto

On 11.10.37 a copy of a report on the Communist International Congress 1935 and the subsequent International Peace Campaign was received from Australia. The following paragraph is an extract from the report:-

"THE I.P.C. and the U.S.A.

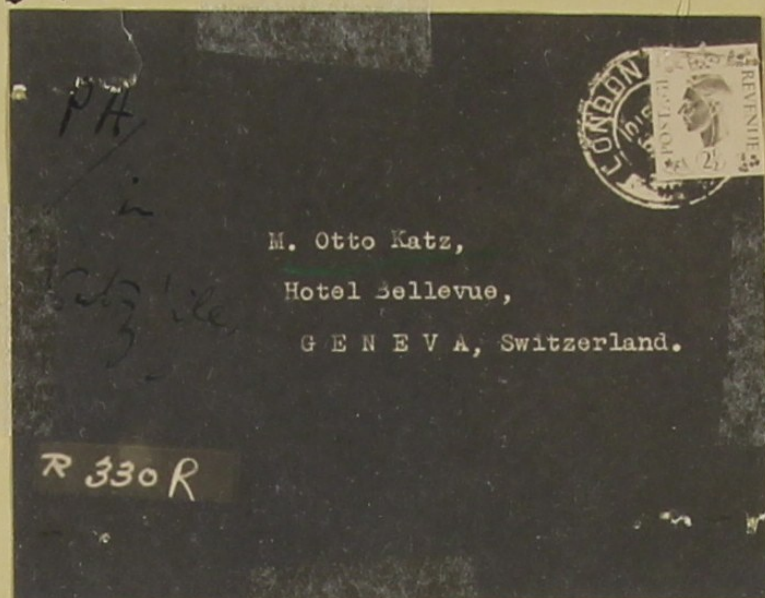
Reliable testimony can be produced to prove that a certain Rudolph Breda, alias Otto Katz, the well-known German Communist who was the author of the Brown Book about the Reichstag fire, boasted that he had been sent over to the United States by Mr. Muensenberg to start the I.P.C. in that country. He has apparently been active in New York, the Middle West and in Hollywood."

Original in. S.F.426/France Vol.15 (572a).....dated. 11.10.37

D.W.H.
22.10.37.

S.Form 81.

220 A



I thought you would realise that the purpose of my letter was to prepare for acceptance. Had I immediately agreed to your startling (as he believed) proposal it would have made him suspicious and like yourself I wish to make this business go through without any consequent difficulties. I do not think that he can do any harm. He is too much of a coward to antagonise his powerful friends in order to vent his feelings.

I discussed the whole case--hypothetically of course-- with two leading national officials of the union. There can be no question of long period notice or large payment. He must either accept or resign. In the latter case give a months money and the union would not consider you ungenerous and would not support any further claim. The situation would be somewhat different if anyone had sent him a letter stating or referring to his appointment as editor and the salary. That would be considered an implied contract and the whole matter would have to be approached differently. You no doubt can easily make sure whether or not any such letter or document was given him.

Let me know how long you expect to be in Geneva. The week end Sept 17 would be a convenient one for me to go to Paris and I would like to do so if it would coincide with the return visit of the Spanish delegation.

I suppose the question of my visiting Spain is becoming remote with the present changes here. Its a great pity I have so little first-hand contact and understanding. But no doubt you will not forget this matter.

I enclose a note on publicity work that I hope you will show to those who are interested in our work. It may prove quite a valuable section of our work.

R 330 R

 NGH
 13-9-37

SECRET.

219a

FP.41664/LS.9

3rd September, 1937.

Chief Constable,
Special Branch.

With reference to your 500/WIR/32,
dated 1st September, 1937, as Otto KATZ's movements
are still of interest to us, I should be very grateful
if you would arrange to print his name in your Suspect
Book.

8/9/37

D.G.W.

7/11/37
4/9/37

2-19B

P.F.41664. KATZ.

C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .SUBJECT:- "SIMON"Int: letter No.R.256.K. dated 7.9.37. from "Simon", Paris to
John FISHER, London.

SIMON thanks FISHER for his letter and will get
in touch with Madeleine BRAUN about it. States that when
FISHER is in Paris he will have a talk to him about "the
New Zealand affair".

Original in.....P.F.45276. FISHER. 26a.....dated.....7.9.37.....

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2 SEP 1937

Special Branch,

New Scotland Yard,

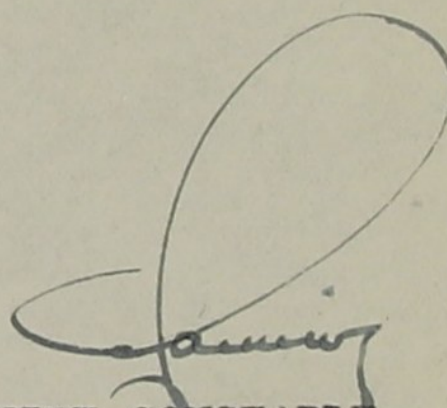
LONDON, S.W.1.

300/WIR/32.

1st September 1937.

M.I.5.

With reference to your letter of the
23rd March 1937, ref. PF. 41664/DS9., concerning
Otto KATZ, I should be pleased to know if the
movements of the above person are still of interest
and whether you wish him to be printed in the
Suspect Book.


CHIEF CONSTABLE.

SECRET.

215a

PF.41664/DS.9

15th July, 1937.

Dear Major Vivian,

In continuation of our PF.41664/DS.9, dated 16.9.36, regarding Otto KATZ, this individual visited this country from March 17th - March 25th. He stayed at the Russell Hotel, London, where he was visited by Isabel BROWN of the Relief Committee. No other details of his activities and contacts during this visit were obtained.

On July 12th, KATZ again arrived in this country and was granted leave to land for 14 days. His passport showed that he visited Spain in March, April, May and July of this year, his last visit being on 5th July to Valencia.

These details may perhaps interest you in view of the possibility that KATZ may be acting as a Comintern courier between Paris and Spain. He speaks Spanish.

Yours sincerely,

J.R.W.

Major V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

✓ H3 16/7/37

215B

P.F.41664. KATZ.C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .SUBJECT:- "SIMON"Int: letter No.P.336.K. dated 26.7.37. from "Simon", Paris, to Isabel BROWN.

Concerns money for Jean ROSS. Writer mentions that he has talked to BING who will report to Isabel BROWN.

Example of signature as "Simon"

Original in....S.F.427/6..v.4..180b.....dated...26.7.37.....

E.S. 27.7.38.

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S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy).

13 JUL 1937

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

COPY

Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT

Otto KATZ.

11th day of July, 1937

Reference to Papers.

As directed by Inspector Jempson, I kept observation on Otto Katz who arrived on the Dover-Calais Boat train at Victoria at 7-50p.m. He then proceeded by taxi to the Russell Hotel, W.C. At 9.p.m. he left the hotel and was met at the corner of Guildford Street, W.C., by a woman (unidentified). They both entered a taxi and drove to Greek Street, Soho, where they visited the "Josef" restaurant and ordered a meal.

KATZ appeared very suspicious of being followed so I discontinued the observation at 9-30p.m.

Ronald Auldine
P.C.

Submitted.

J. Jempson
Inspector.

Chas. I.
for SUPERINTENDENT.

nsy).

12 JUL 1937

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

17th. July 1937.
day of 1937.

Reference to Papers.

In confirmation of telephone message sent to Superintendent at 5-40 p.m. today:-

Otto KATZ, Czecho-Slovakian, subject of Superintendent's memorandum of 31st. July 1936, arrived at this port at 5-15 p.m. today from Calais.

He described himself as a writer and was granted leave to land for fourteen days on instructions from Home Office, reference no. K. 694.

Katz's passport shows that he visited Spain in March, April, May and July of this year, his last visit being on 5th. July to Valencia. The usual search of his baggage by H.M. Customs did not reveal anything of interest.

His proposed address was given as the Russell Hotel, London.

Black
P.S.

Submitted.

G. O. Riley
Inspector.

G. O. Riley
for SUPERINTENDENT.

Please join.

(SIS)

Dew
13/7

14/7/37

ARRIVAL.Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of Embarkation
abroad

Calais

213X

Name

Katz Otto

Age

42

Sex

Names and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanying

Occupation

Writer

Nationality

Czechoslovak

Nationality at Birth

Austrian

Proposed address in United Kingdom

Russell Hotel, London

I.O. Stamp No

Port

Dover

Date

11/7/37

Description of passenger
and class travelled

1st Class

Visitor

Other information

Prt- 406 - Paris - 27/8/35

Spain valid 5/6/37

Conditionally landed for 4 days

19/7/37

COPY. Original filed in S.F.427/6. v.4. 157b.

213B

From ELLEN LONDON (HOL.9674)

To SIMON AGENCE ESPAGNE 13 ANCIEN COMEDIE PARIS.

Date 4.5.37.

TERRIBLY SORRY IMPOSSIBLE COME TODAY LORD PLYMOUTH
CHAIRMAN NONINTERVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING DUCHESS
RATHBONE ME THREE THIS AFTERNOON I HAVE TO BROADCAST
AMERICA TONIGHT PHONE HOLBORN 9674 THIS MORNING.

ELLEN.

✓ 1576B
27/7/38

213a

Int. H.920A.

P.F. 44465

From [KORTNER,] 9, Stafford Mansions, S.W.1.

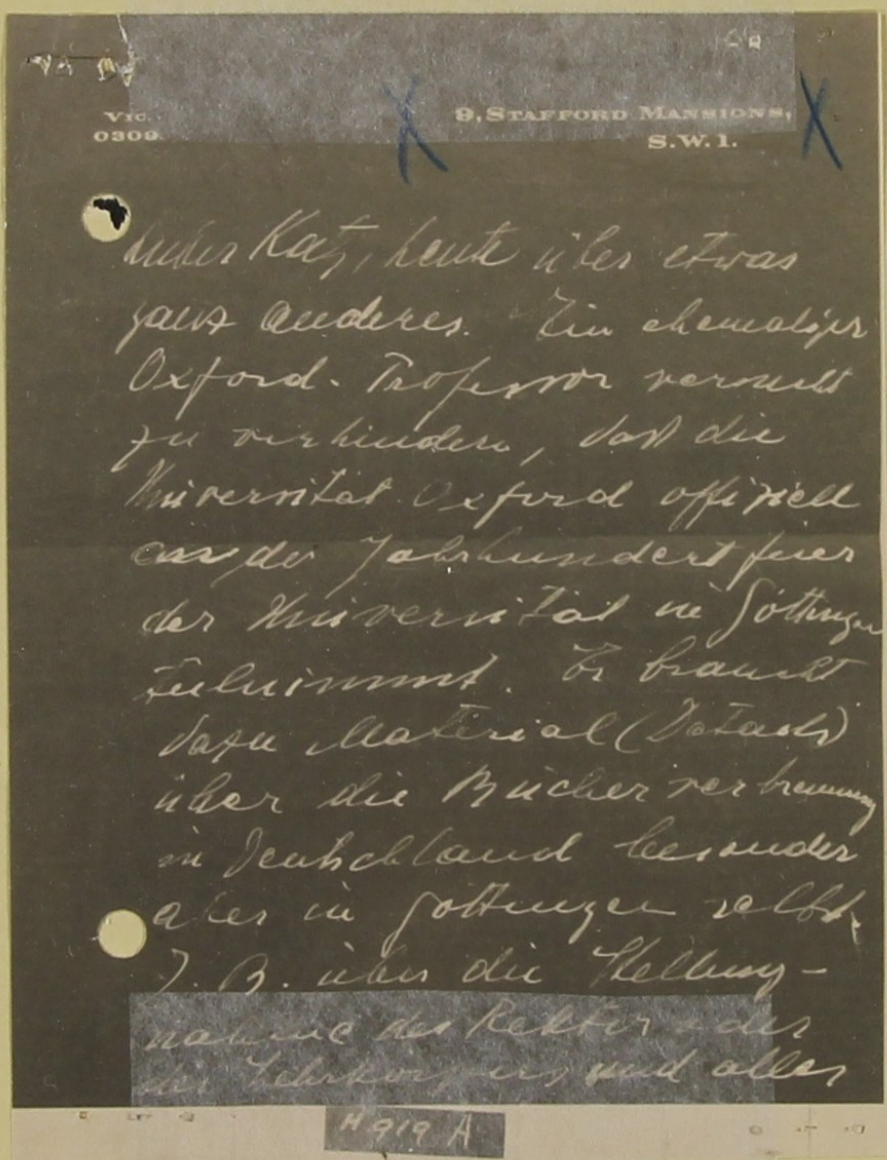
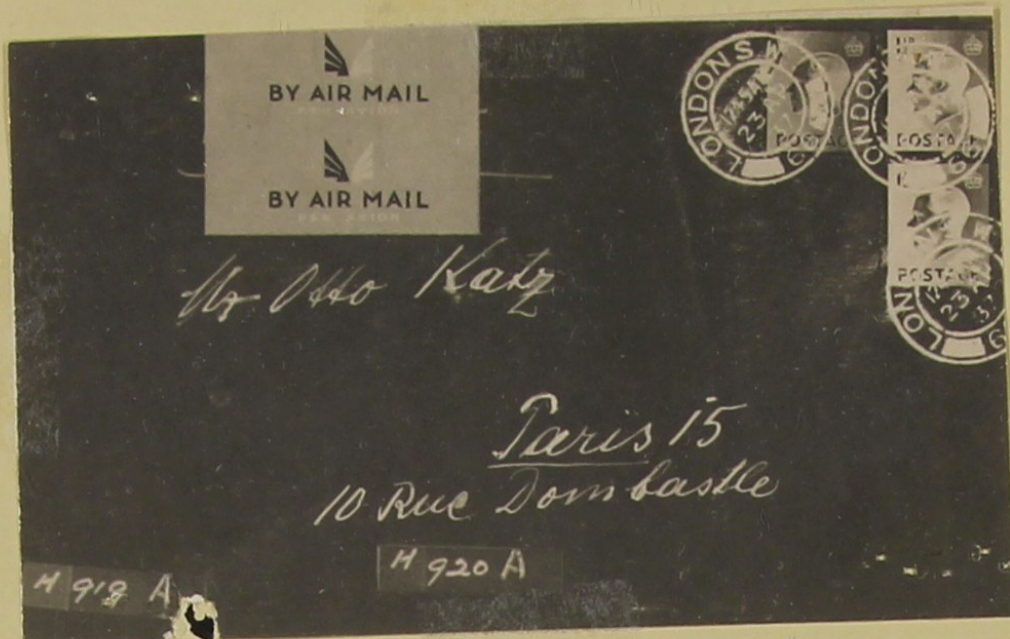
To Otto KATZ, 10, Rue ^{Dombasle} Dorncastle, Paris.

Dated 23.4.37.

A former Professor at Oxford is endeavouring to stop that University taking part in the Centenary celebrations at Gottingen. For this purpose, he needs material on the Book burning in Germany and especially in Gottingen, and other material which will show G. up in its true colours.

Will he write direct to Lotte(?) WHYTE at the above address.

2150



TROFIMOV

was geeignet ist die Unversität
 Göttingen in den Körper
 der englischen akademischen
 Welt herabzusetzen, ich
 ins wahre Licht zu rücken.
 Sofortige Antwort wäre
 notwendig, da die Ent-
 scheidung unmittelbar
 bevorstehend ist. - Ich
 weiß wie sehr Sie über-
 lastet sind aber ich bitte
 Sie darum aus Rücksicht
 der großen Wichtig-
 keit in der einen Angelegen-
 heit, die heute wirklich
 noch sein hat.

Ihr ergebener
 Korthaus

H. 919 A

Bitte schreiben Sie direkt
 an Lotte Whyte an gedruckte
 Adresse.

Wie ist bald von Ihnen?

DEPARTURE.

Copy of Card in Traffic Index.

Port of Disembarkation
abroad

Boulogne

Name

KATZ Otto

Age

42

Sex

Names and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanying

Occupation

Writer

Nationality

Czechoslovakian

Address in United Kingdom

Russell Hotel, London

I.O. Stamp No

2nd Cl.

Port

Folkestone

Date

25/3/37

Description of passenger
and class travelled

Other information

211A
COPY

S.B. No. (Flimsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT

25th day of March, 1937.

Otto KATZ.

Reference to Papers.

30/MIR/32.

With reference to M.I.5 letter number PF. 41664/DS9. of the 23rd March, 1937, and in accordance with the instructions contained in Superintendent's minute number 49 on the attached file:

I this day made quiet enquiry regarding Otto KATZ and ascertained that since his arrival in the United Kingdom he has stayed at the Russell Hotel, Russell Square, W.C.1.

This afternoon he left the above hotel with his baggage with the intention of leaving the United Kingdom. Later the Special Branch officer in charge at the Port of Folkestone stated that KATZ left Folkestone en route for Boulogne at 7 p.m.

After his departure a discreet search of the room occupied by KATZ at the Hotel Russell revealed nothing of interest. I have been successful, however, in ascertaining that since the 17th March, 1937, when this suspect came to the Hotel Russell, Mrs. Isobel BROWN (subject of Special Branch file number 301/MP/1656) has called to see him each morning and accompanied him from the hotel. This information was obtained from a reliable informant who knows Mrs. I. BROWN.

J. Dunsell
Sergeant.

Submitted.

W. A. G. M.
Inspector.

for SUPERINTENDENT.

SPECIAL BRANCH
METROPOLITAN POLICE

30 MAR 1937

M.P.-37-11127-10M W148

PORT OF FOLKESTONE.

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT

25th. day of March 1937

Otto KATZ

Reference to Papers.

In confirmation of telephone message to
Superintendent at 7.15 p.m. today:

R 41664

Otto KATZ, subject of Superintendent's
memorandum dated 31st. July, 1936, embarked from this port
for Boulogne at 7.0 p.m. today. He was in possession of a
single ticket available between London and Paris, and
appeared to be alone.

The particulars given on his embarkation card
were as follows: "Czecho-Slovakian; aged 42; writer; last
address in United Kingdom, Russell Hotel, London."

Francis Convey
Sergeant.

See 61
for Superintendent.

SPECIAL BRANCH
METROPOLITAN POLICE

27 MAR 1937

300/WIR/32

M.P.-37-11127/10M W148

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31.3.37

SECRET209^aPF.41664/DS9.

The Chief Constable,
Special Branch.

With reference to your report 300/WIR/32 of 17th March 1937:

As Otto KATZ is stated to be intending to stay here for about two weeks, it would be a matter of considerable interest to us to learn something of his activities and contacts during this period. KATZ is known to have been entrusted on former occasions with important work for the Comintern.

O.A.A.

23rd March 1937.

D.G.W.

✓
24/3/37

J-mp.

P.F. 41664
2089
20/3ARRIVAL.Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of Embarkation
abroad

Colais.

Name

KATZ Otto

Age

42

Sex

Names and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanying

Occupation

Writer

Nationality

Gecho-Slovakian

Nationality at Birth

Proposed address in United Kingdom

Russell Hotel Russell Sq.

I.O. Stamp No

Port

Dover

Date

17.3.37

Description of passenger
and class travelled

C/L

Other information

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23/3/37

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

COPY

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT

Otto KATZ.

17th day of March 1937.

Reference to Papers.

300/WIR/32.

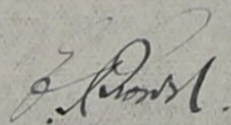
With reference to telephone message from Dover received at 5-35 p.m. this day regarding the arrival of Otto KATZ :-

KATZ arrived at Victoria Station on the 7 p.m. boat train from Calais and was met by Isobel BROWN and her husband, Ernest BROWN. All three were very suspicious and kept looking around continually. They then went to the station restaurant for refreshments and left by the approach entrance at 7-20 p.m. They immediately entered a taxi and I followed them to the Russell Hotel, Russell Square, W.C. which they entered at 7-35 p.m.

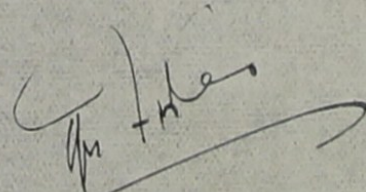
It was ascertained that a room had been booked for KATZ for a period of a fortnight by a man named WILKINSON.

Submitted.

J. H. Scott P.C.



Inspector.



SUPERINTENDENT.

PORT OF DOVER.COPY

S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy).

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,**Metropolitan Police,****Scotland House,**SUBJECT Otto17th day of March, 1937.KATZ.

Reference to Papers.

In confirmation of telephone message sent to Superintendent at 5.20 pm. today:-

Otto KATZ, Czecho-slovakian, subject of Superintendent's memorandum of 31st July, 1936, arrived at this port from Calais at 5 pm. today.

He described himself as a writer, and was granted leave to land for fourteen days. His address will be Russell Hotel, London.

Usual search of his baggage by H.M. Customs revealed nothing of interest to Special Branch.

Description:-

Age 42; 5'6"; hair dark brown; eyes grey; pointed nose; thin lips; pale complexion; rather heavy build; slightly round shouldered.

Dress: grey trilby hat; dark grey overcoat, belted back; dark grey suit; blue shirt with collar attached; blue tie; black shoes.

J. Blackburn
P.S.

Submitted.

G. O. Reilly
Inspector.

The Duke
Superintendent.

2069
P.F. 41664. KATZ.CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— KATZ. OttoInt: letter to Otto KATZ, Paris, from Erwin KRAFT, London,
dated 8.3.37. No. F.672.A.

KRAFT says that he is sorry that he cannot let KATZ have his copy of the Basque Government's declaration back, as he has lent it to a friend who has gone off with it.

He asks KATZ for some letters of introduction to certain persons in America, where he, KRAFT, is going to look into anti-fascism with a view to bringing it into closer touch with the European movement.

Original in.....P.F. 219/11. KRAFT. v.2. 13a. dated 8.3.37......

E.S. 18.3.37. ✓

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P.F.41664. KATZ.C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .SUBJECT:- "SIMON"

Int: letter No.F.284.B. dated 26.2.37. from BRUNEAU/^{Paris,}to Isabel
BROWN.

States the "Simon has gone abroad for a week.
Therefore we answer your last letters only as far as we can."

Original in... S.F.427/6. v.3. 108b. dated... 26.2.37.

E.S. 27.7.38.

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✓ 27/7/38



Monsieur Otto Katz,
10 Rue Dombasle,
Paris,
FRANCE.

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Monsieur Otto Katz,
10 Rue Dombasle,
Paris.

February 19th 1937.

My dear Otto,

I have been atrociously long in thanking
you for all the help you gave over the Albert Hall
rally. The messages from Campinchi and Misja turned
up just in time, and were greeted with tumultuous
applause. The whole thing was an enormous success.

Yours ever,

Handwritten signature: B.W.

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Spence

E 844 A

EXTRACT

Extract for File No.: PF 41,664 Name: KATZ 204
 Original in File No.: SF 427-6 Vol.: 2 Serial: 95a Receipt Date: 5.2.77
 Original from: Int letter Under Ref.: Dated: 5.2.77
 Extracted on: 3.11.72 by: JP Section: F2

Copy of Intercept letter from "Simon" to Isabel BROWN

Mrs Isabel Brown
 Relief Committee
 1 Litchfield Streed,
 Anglo House,
 London

Dear Isabel,

We want to draw your attention to the following matter: we are hourly getting news about the constantly increasing terror of the rebel troupes in Malaga. There have been real massacres, and there will be still more. Up to now we got information from reliable sources about 8,000 assassinated. Further 5,000 persons will be brought before martial courts today and tomorrow.

We intend to compose in the next days a detailed material about this terror in Malaga. But we would like you to begin already to prepare the ground in England for a landwide protest action. Demonstrations and mass meetings ought to be organised everywhere in England, the press must be worked on a.s.o., you know. Please prepare everything so that after getting the necessary material dates from us, a large campaign can be started over there.

Brochures and the Album We are without news from you at this. Now the arrival of a very important friend has been announced to us for the end of this week, to whom we have to submit under circumstances everything which has been published in England during the last weeks. Therefore we ask you urgently to send us immediately by airmail several copies of the album, of the Azana brochure and the brochure of the report of the League of Nations Commission. If these things should not be ready yet, then please try in any case to send us at least the printed sheets.

Further we ask you to send us likewise 5 copies of all the material which has been published in England since your last sending (circulars, postcards, posters, brochures, leaflets etc.). We would be very much appreciated if you would constantly verify such publications and send them to us. We have for instance seen recently a brochure published by the English trade Unions and another brochure published by the Spanish Embassy in London, of whom we did not know anything from your side.

Report We asked you already some time ago to send us a complete report about the results of the whole of the action for Spain in England, with concrete details as to the sums collected, the total sum spent for propaganda, brochures etc., which would give us a picture about all the activities in England. We regret not to have got anything of this kind from you up to now, the more so as we absolutely have to submit these things to the above-mentioned person who will be here at the end of this week. So please do everything in your power to let us have such a report here at that time.

With best regards

S,

204a

P.F. 41664.CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:—

KATZ, Otto.
Rue Dombasle Nr. 10.
PARIS. XV. FRANCE.

29. 1.37. Received a letter from E.J.BURFORD thanking Katz for the Pictorial which he sent, and ending by saying "I shall get into touch with Isabel Brown at the earliest opportunity, and make myself useful".

Int. letter from BURFORD to KATZ.

29.1.37.

Original in P.F. 45261. BURFORD. 9a.dated.....

TND. 4.2.37.

S. Form 81

203B

P.F.41664. KATZ.C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .

SUBJECT:- "SIMON"

Int: letter No.D.611.A. dated 27.1.37. from "Simon", Paris to Isabel BROWN.

Contains various questions concerning the Azana speech, the Del Vayo pamphlet etc; also an enquiry as to which newspapers have reviewed writer's book. Mentions that they have "sent further material you needed for the agency."

Example of signature as "Simon"

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LONDON

Otto Katz Esq.,
Editions du Carrefour,
83 Boulevard du Montparnesse,
Paris.

January 25th 1937.

My dear Otto,

Very many thanks for the maps. I am
most grateful.

I haven't a duplicate set of cuttings,
but I am sending you some extracts.

The reviews have been excellent, but the
book goes rather slowly: there have been such head-
lines recently about the whole Spanish business that
it seemed a trifle out-of-date and lacking in sensation
when it was published:

Yours ever,

7/6

D521K



Otto Katz Esq.,
Editions du Carrefour,
83 Boulevard du Montparnesse,
Paris,
FRANCE.

D 521K

202B

P.F.41664. KA TZ.C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E .SUBJECT:- "SIMON"Int: letter from "Simon", Paris to Isabel Brown, dated 25.1.37.,
No.D.484.M.

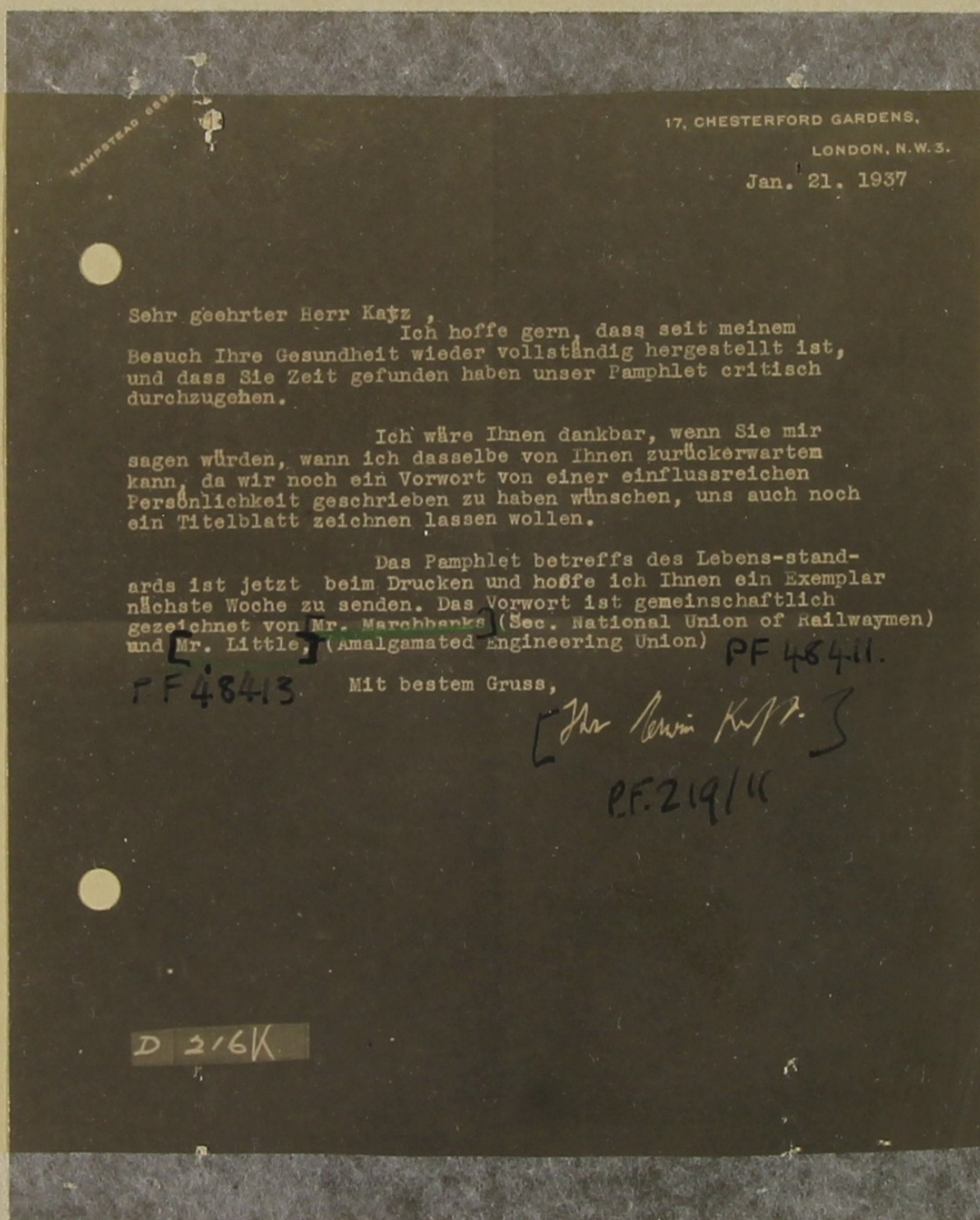
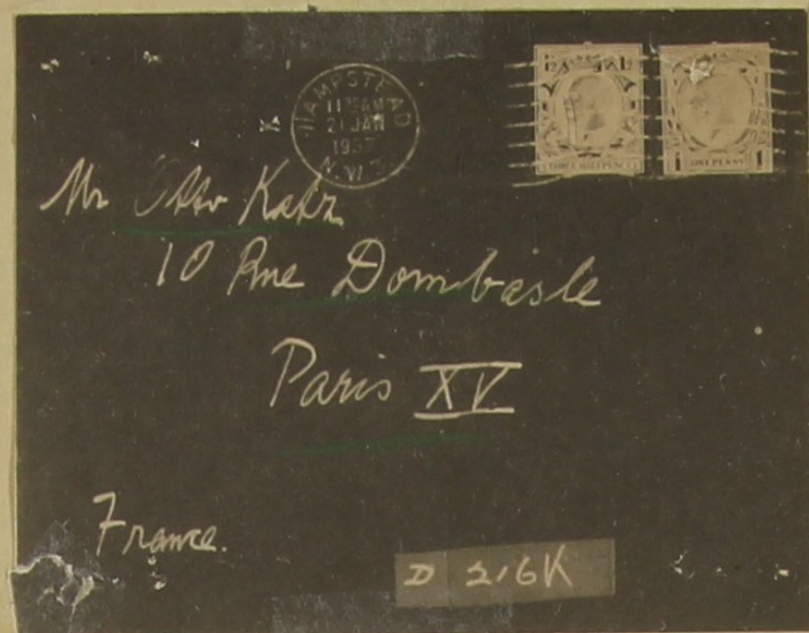
Business letter asking if Isabel BROWN can get Azana's speech published in the form of a pamphlet with an introduction by Sinclair or Lloyd George or Noel Baker. Request is also made for confirmation of receipt of funds sent to England.

Example of signature as "SIMON".

Original in.....S.F.427/6. v.2. 88x.....dated.....25.1.37.....

E.S.27.7.38.

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COPY Original, placed in SF 427/6 v.2 (85a)

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20.1.37.

SIMON PARIS.

ISABEL BROWN RELIEF COMMITTEE 1 LITCHFIELD STREET LONDON.

19.1.37.

PLEASE SEND EXPRESS THREE COPIES SPANISH POSTERS
LEAFLETS PAMPHLETS YOU AND MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE
EDITED STOP NEED THEM URGENTLY ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ THURSDAY.

SIMON.

SECRET.

Howes 899

PF.44122/100.

December 1936.

To THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, and all others whom it may concern,

I hereby authorize and require you to detain, open and produce for my inspection all postal packets and telegrams addressed to :—

[Robert Gaston Gustave PETIT alias "Monsieur Bob", }
 296 Grande Rue, Maisons Alfort, Seine.
 and Imprimerie Française, 133 rue Montmartre, Paris, 2,
 and Bureau des Éditions de Publicité, 25 rue d'Alsace,
 Paris, 10.

Otto KATZ,
 10 rue Dombasle, Paris 15,
 and C.O. Éditions Carrefour, 88 Boulevard Montparnasse,
 Paris.

or to any name at that or any other address if there is reasonable ground to believe that they are intended for the said

R.G.G. PETIT and O. KATZ.

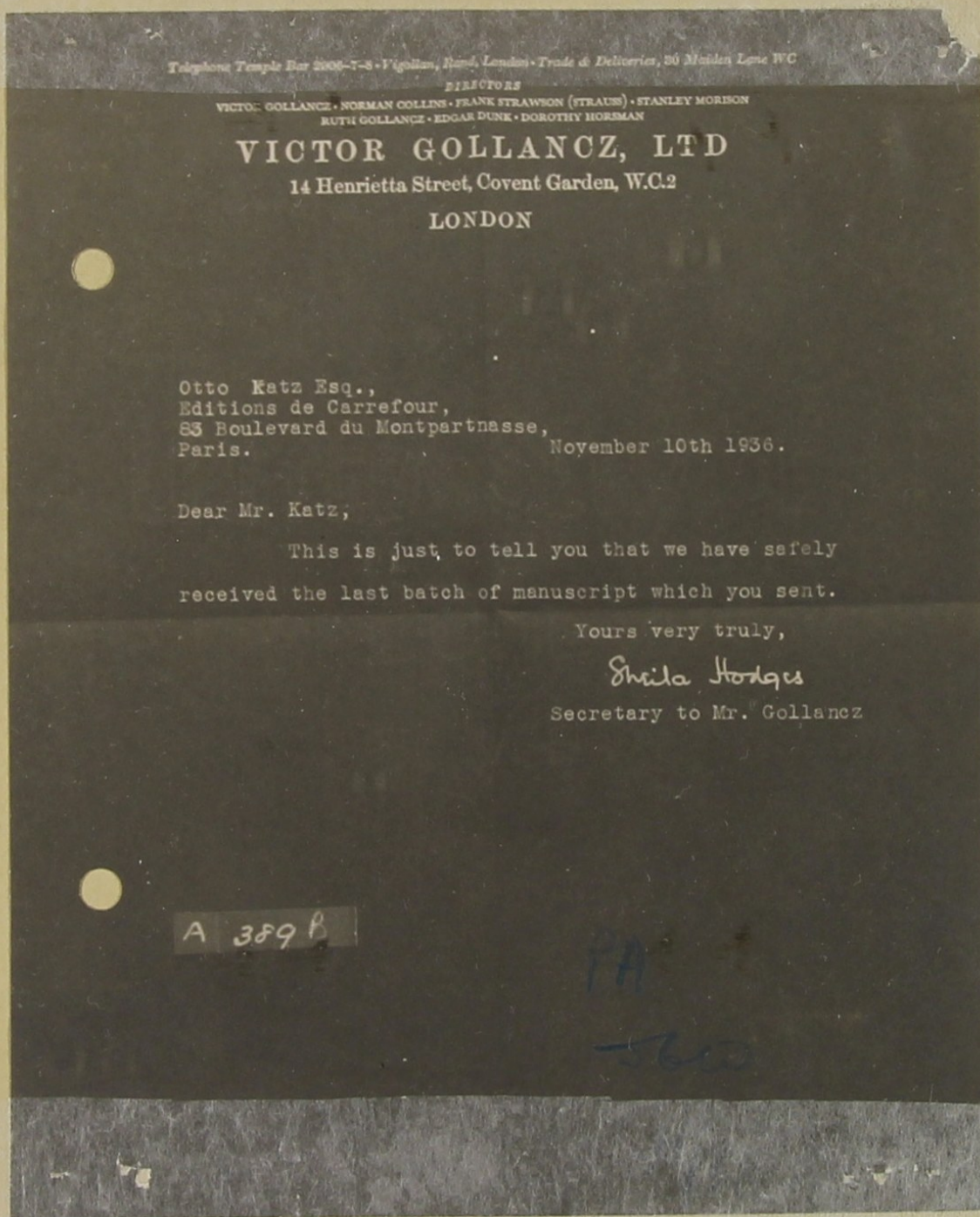
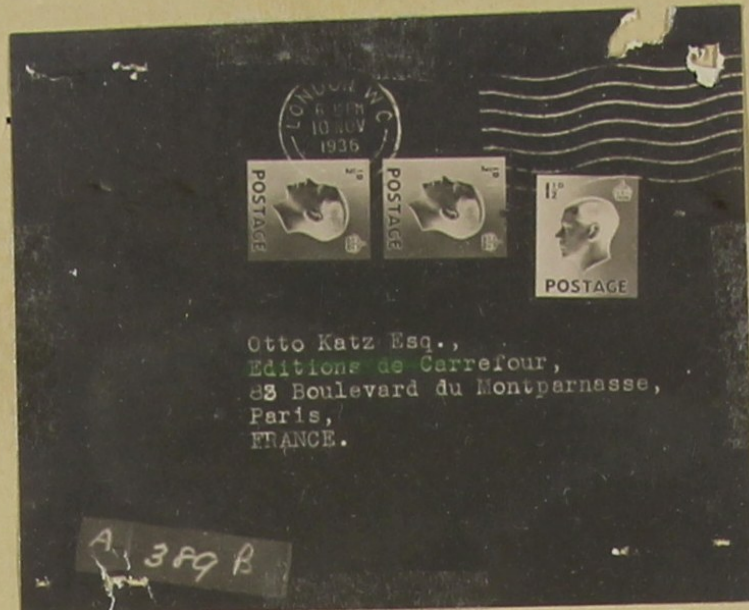
and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

One of His Majesty's
 Principal Secretaries of State.

These are prominent Communists who receive considerable correspondence on Communist matters from this country. It is desired to maintain the Warrant which provides a good deal of interest information.

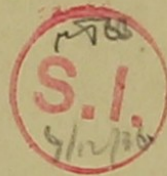
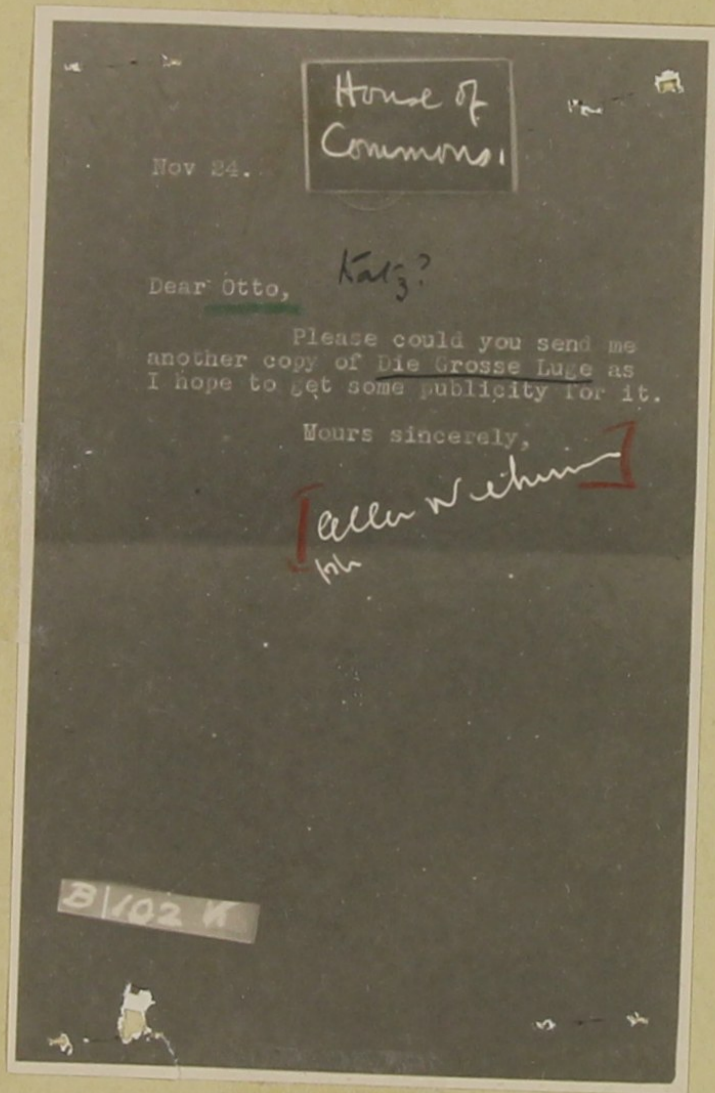
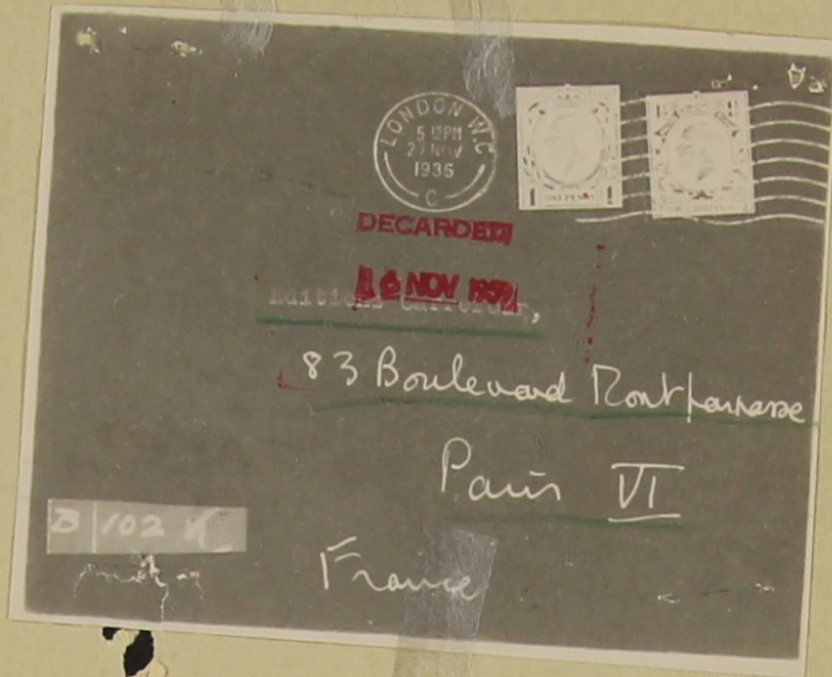
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SF. 455/35

Miss Isabel Brown,
Relief Committee for the Victims of
German Fascism,
1 Litchfield Street W.C.2.

September 30th 1936.

Dear Isabel Brown,

I am enclosing with this letter one to Otto
Katz. He writes to me quite openly from Carrefours, nor
does he mention that I shouldn't write to him there: but
I have a note from Norman Collins saying that under no
circumstances are we to write to Katz direct. So I am
sending this letter to you.

But is this really necessary? I should have
thought not - and I suspect that Norman Collins may have
misunderstood.

Yours,
[Signature]

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POSTAGE

Miss Isabel Brown,
Relief Committee for the Victims
of Fascism,
1 Litchfield Street,
LONDON W.C.2.

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Otto Katz Esq.

September 30th 1936.

Dear Katz,

Very many thanks for your letter about the Berthold Jacob book, in which I am keenly interested. Directly the proofs come in I will get down to them.

Yours very sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

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PF. 41664CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— KATZ, Otto

28.9.36.

John LANGDON-DAVIES wrote int. letters to Louis ROUBAUD and Andre ULLMAN, Paris, in connection with a committee dealing with the question of intervention in Spain. These were sent in an envelope addressed to Otto KATZ, rue Dombasle 10, Paris, but apparently there was no covering letter to KATZ.

Original in SF.427/UK/1 vol.8.(321ax) dated 28.9.36.

F.H.M.
12.10.36.

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P.F. 41664. KATZ.CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— KATZ. OttoS.B. Report 320/FGN/582, dated 25.9.36.

This report deals with one Arthur SEEHOF, a German writer and anti-fascist, who after being refused leave to land in the U.K. was later granted leave for 24 hours.

He had in his possession a slip of paper which he said had been given him by an old friend, Otto KATZ. This paper contained the names of Mr Dobbie, M.P. and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, from whom SEEHOF stated he had received invitations to visit England.

Original in... P.F. 45285. SEEHOF. 1a. dated. 25.9.36.

E.S. 30 9.36. ✓

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Copy in SF.411/Spain.

PF.41664/DS9.

16th September 1936.

Dear Major Vivian,

PF 45261 [We have recently picked up some correspondence going from E.J.BURFORD, subject of your CX/454/V dated 26.8.36., to Otto KATZ, indicating that the latter is taking a hand in events in Spain. In a letter dated 5.8.36. BURFORD thanks KATZ for: "the great trouble and exertion and assistance which you rendered us during the 'affaire Barcelona' thanks to which we were enabled to depart in peace and without difficulty." He also says that he will be writing to "Arlandes": "to thank him for his kindness and also sending him a further donation towards the funds." We have no previous trace of an Arlandes.

In view of the fact that KATZ knows the Spanish language, it has occurred to us that he may possibly be acting as a direct intermediary between the Communist Party of Spain and the Comintern headquarters in Paris. So far as we know he is not actually in Spain at the moment, though Isabel BROWN has asked MUNZENBERG whether he might accompany her delegation to Spain, as interpreter. (Vide our 427/6/DS9 of 15th September 1936).

As to BURFORD, who had not previously come to our notice, Miss Sissmore is making some investigations and will let you know if anything of interest emerges.

Yours sincerely,

Dow.

Major V.Vivian, G.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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2/9/36

SIO a.m.
In action 15.9.36

PF. 41664

CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— Otto KATZ

14.9.36. S.9 wrote to S.I.S. informing them that the H.O.W. on Dr. Bruno FREISTADT at his Paris address had not as yet produced any results, which indicated that, at any rate so far as English contacts are concerned, the normal channel of communication with Willi MUNZENBERG is still via Otto KATZ at Editions Carrefour, 83, Blvd. Montparnasse, Paris, where the H.O.W. is very productive.

Original in SF. 411/France vol.3 168a.....dated as above.

D.M.
15.9.36.

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CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— Otto KATZ

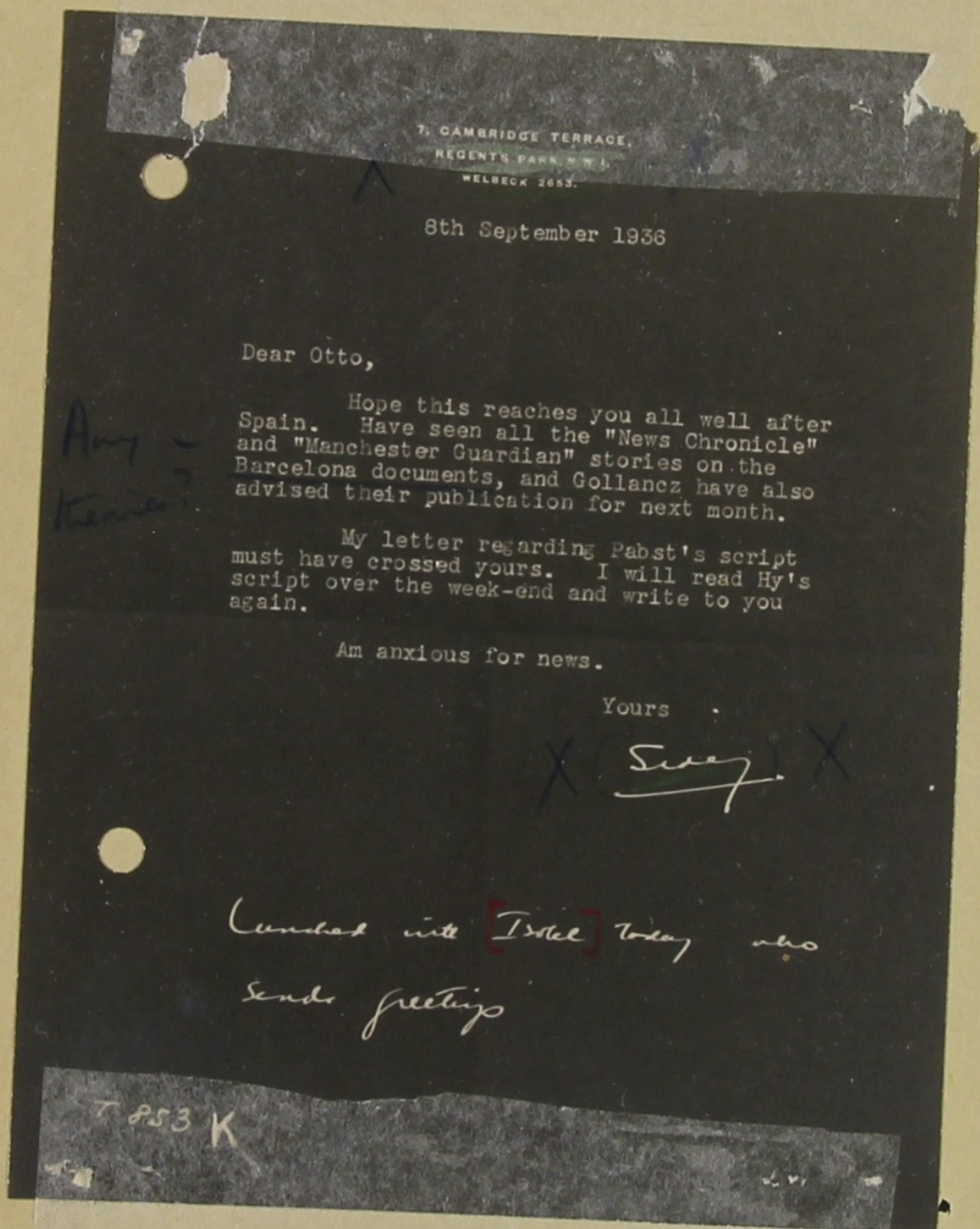
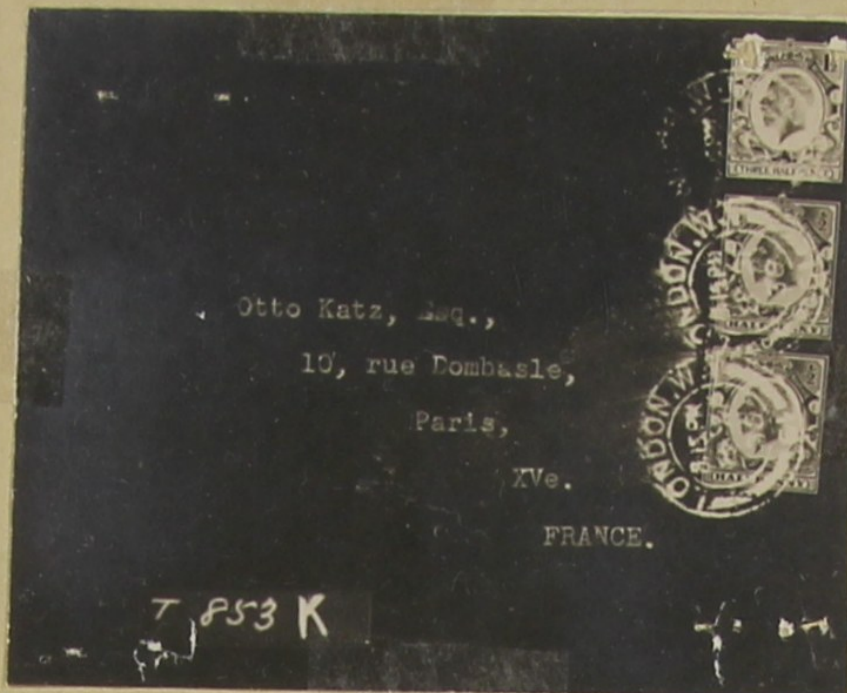
11.9.36. Int. letter to "Editions Carrefour" for Willi MUNZENBERG from [Isabel BROWN] stated that as none of the delegation organised by Isabel BROWN of the Relief Committee for the Victims of Fascism which was to cross to Paris on Sept. 14th on its way to Spain could speak Spanish, it was necessary that someone should be attached to the delegation in Paris, preferably "OTTO".

15.9.36. Information of above sent to S.I.S. and F.O.

Original in SF. 427/6 26a, 27a, 28a dated as above.

D.M.
16.9.36.

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Photostat filed in :— PF. 45261 E.J.BURFORD.

From E.J.BURFORD,
17, Cleveland Mansions, W.9.

To M.Otto KATZ,
Rue Dombasle nr 10, Paris, XV. France.

Date of letter 3rd Sept. 1936.

Summary of Contents

Dear M.KATZ,
Many thanks for your letter and also for passing on my letter to ARTANDES. There is a matter which has just been brought to my attention of the utmost importance, which if acted upon promptly will be of great assistance to our mutual friends. I would like your advice in the matter.

My wife and I will be in Bruxelles on Saturday morning and we will be at the Hotel Central du Bourse. If you are arrived back from your trip by then, will you please send me a telegram to the Hotel on Saturday, and we will come over to Paris in the afternoon. It will be merely necessary to say "come".

Otherwise, will you please communicate with me as soon as you arrive back in Paris; we shall be back again in London on Monday morning as we are only taking a weekend trip.

I consider the matter of very great importance, otherwise I would not trouble you.

Our kind regards to you both.

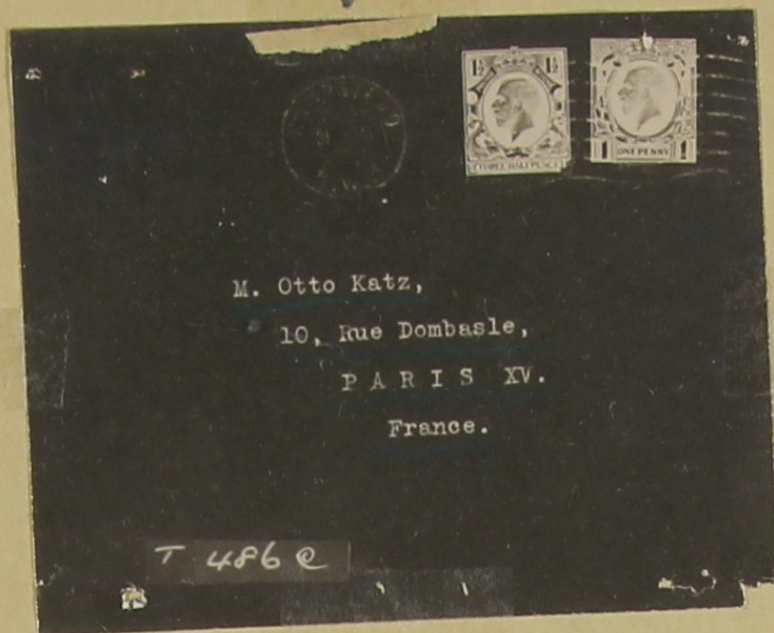
Very sincerely yours,

Sd. E.J.BURFORD.

See Minute ()

MVE
18.9.36.

Initials.
(date)



17, CHESTERFORD GARDENS,
LONDON, N. W. 3.
August 31, 1936.

Herrn Otto Katz,
10, Rue Dombasle,
PARIS, XV.

Ihr geehrter Herr Katz!

Zurückkommend auf unsere Unterredung in London, anfangs dieses Monats, so hoffe ich Sie wohlbehalten zurückgekehrt.

Ich bitte Sie, mir zu sagen, ob Sie, wie hier abgesprochen, einem Fachmann die Arbeit übertragen haben, einen Auszug von ungefähr sechzig Seiten aus Ihren beiden Büchern herzustellen, und wie diese Arbeit fortschreitet. Bitte sagen Sie mir ob ich mich in dieser Angelegenheit nochmals mit Mr. Montague in Verbindung setzen soll.

Ferner interessiert mich natürlich sehr zu hören, ob Ihre Unterhandlungen mit den Londoner Verlegern zu Resultaten geführt haben.

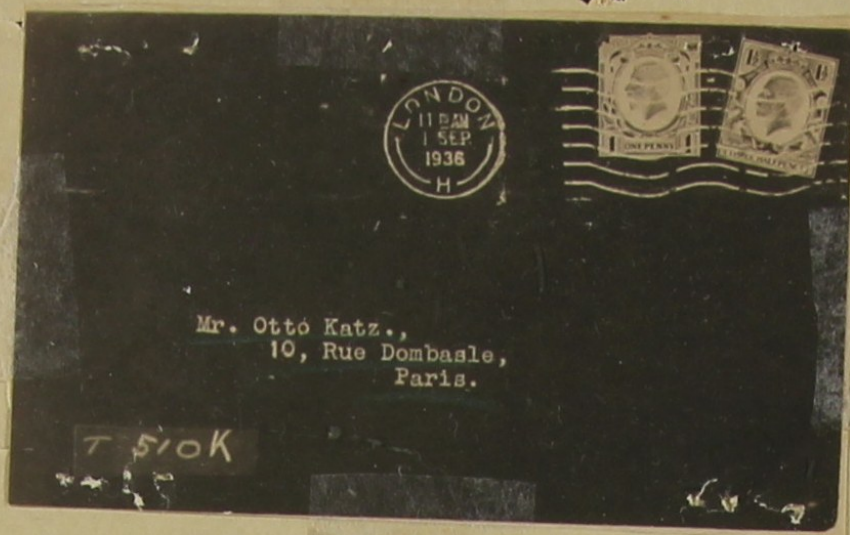
Ich komme eben von meinen Ferien zurück und habe gestern mit Herrn Toller gesprochen, kurz vor seiner Abreise nach Paris.

Hochachtungsvoll,

Erwin Kraft
(Erwin Kraft.)
VE 214/11

*Kann ich ein Exemplar der
angewandten schon Ausgabe "Brünnle Hitz" bekommen?*
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C O P Y

From Victor Gollancz Ltd.
Dated: 29th August, 1936.

Dear Miss Brown, *AF 45215*

I saw [Heller] of International Publishers yesterday. I thought I would drop you a note to say that he is exceedingly interested in "The Nazi Arm in Spain". I don't know whether or not we are going to handle the American rights. I rather think that the author wanted to handle them himself, but I am in any case just passing on this word of information.

Yours sincerely,
Norman Collins.

August 31st, 1936.

Dear Otto,

I have just received the enclosed letter from Gollancz. Maybe you would like to reply to it.

Yours,
Isabel



Wm. H. ...

Anna Katz

10 rue Dombasle

London. 29. 8. 36

Sehr geehrter Herr Prof.!

Ich danke Ihnen vielmals
für Ihre liebenswürdigen Bemühungen.
Leider konnte ich Ihnen nicht früher
schreiben weil ich in Deutschland war
& ich von dort aus an Sie nicht schreiben
wollte. Die ^{letzten} Monate waren Sie in Wien
hier & hat es mir leid Sie nicht gespro-
chen zu haben. Meine Lage ist nicht
gerade sehr zu nennen. Am 12. 9. ist
meine Zeit aus & es ist noch nicht
erlaubt worden. Gute. werde ich auch
versuchen müssen in Brasilien den
Aufenthalt zu bekommen. Es ist aber
für mich schwer weil ich gleich mit
Frau & Kindern fortmüßte. Von Mrs.
L. resp. Pitt habe ich noch nichts gehört.
Hoffen will ich von Herrn L. bald zu

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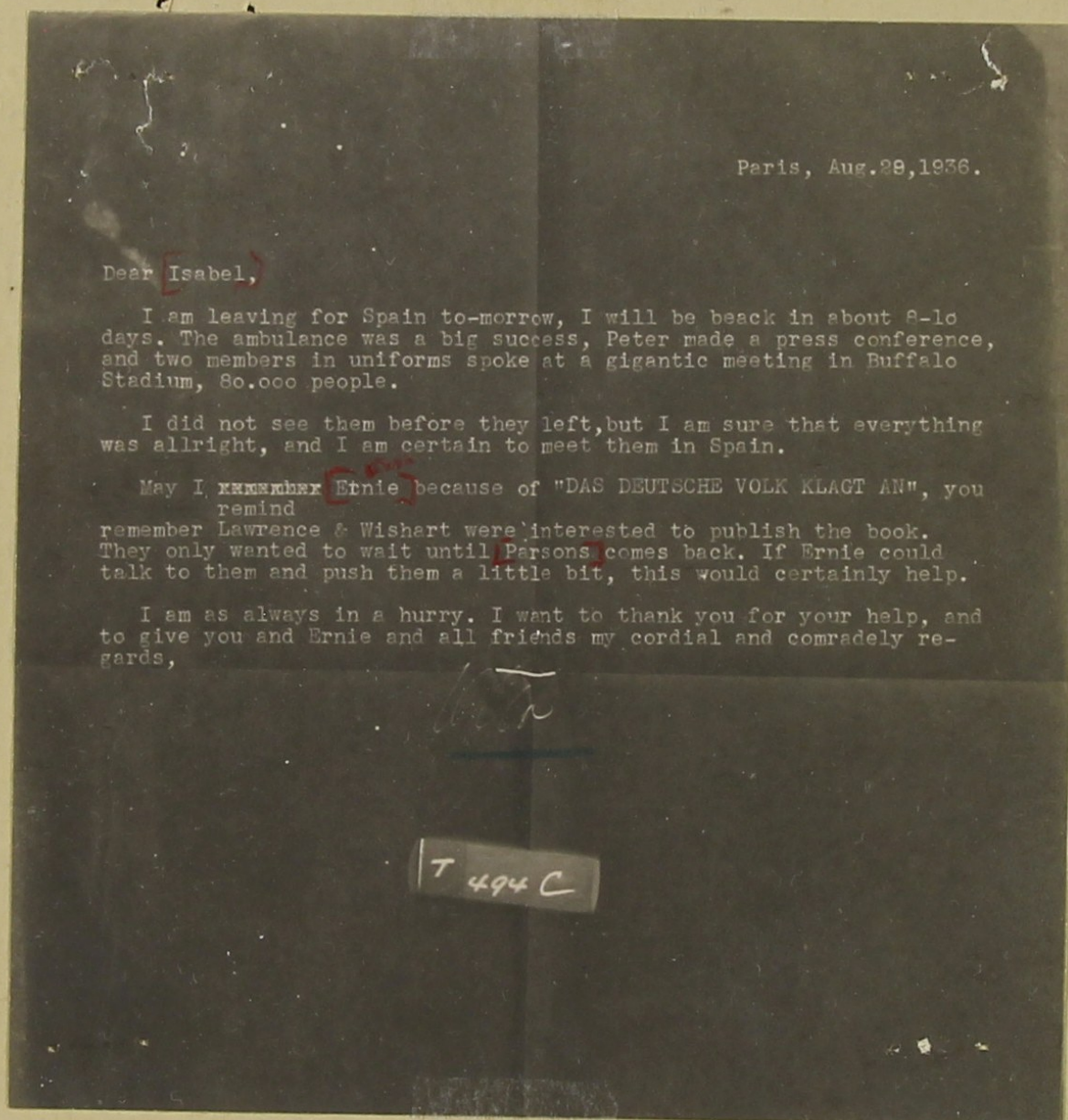
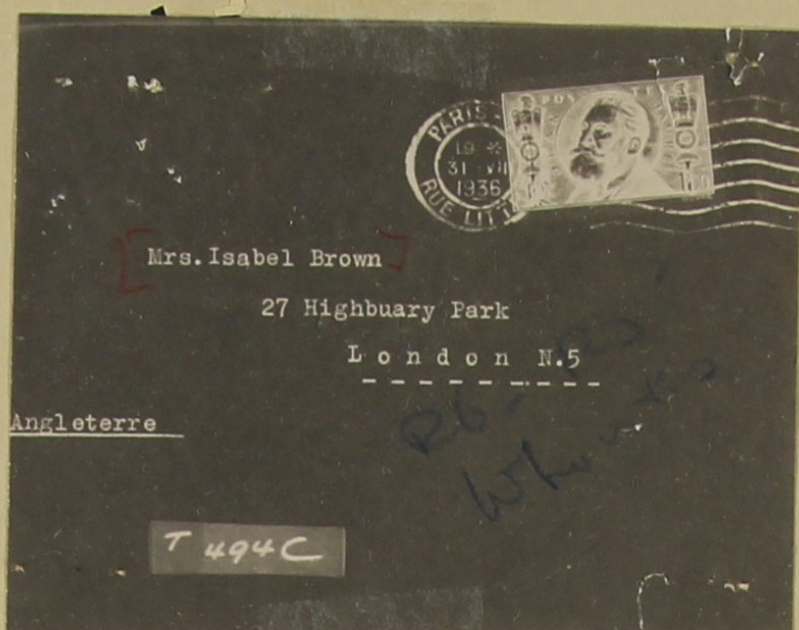
erreichen.

Ich würde mich freuen wieder
von Ihnen zu hören

Beste grüße
[Paul Warburton]

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ARRIVAL.Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of Embarkation
abroad PenangName KATZ OROAge 41 Sex _____Names and ages of dependants
under 16 accompanying _____Occupation houseNationality Czech Nationality at Birth _____Proposed address in United Kingdom Regent Hotel LondonI.O. Stamp No. _____ Port Dover Date 1.8.36Description of Passenger
and class travelled VIPOther information C/L 10 daysBusiness in publishing(X3500) Wt 18992/129 5,000(2) 9/35 H & SP Gp 642
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KATZ.

O/WIR/32.

With reference to telephone message from Dover received at 5-30 p.m. yesterday, 4th instant, regarding the arrival of Otto KATZ:-

Observation was taken up at 6-45 p.m., in company with P.C. Lings, at the arrival platform, Victoria Station, and it was noticed that Isobel BROWN and her husband Ernest BROWN were present. I was immediately recognised by both these persons, who are well aware of my identity, and whilst the former kept close to me the latter kept near three S.R. detectives who were in the vicinity.

Otto KATZ arrived on the boat train at 7 p.m. and was met by Isobel and Ernest BROWN to whom he appeared to be well known. KATZ was undoubtedly very agitated and suspicious of being followed and there is no doubt that he was made aware of our presence as he was continually looking behind. After a few minutes they all entered a taxi and drove off and although we followed in another taxi almost at once they were lost sight of in a traffic jam.

Subsequent enquiries showed that they went to the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C., where Isobel and Ernest BROWN left and KATZ enquired for ^{PC 451 (95)} A. ANDRE (being kept under observation by P.S. Hunt). On being informed that ANDRE was out, KATZ left and made his way in the direction of Russell Square. He returned to the Bonnington Hotel at about 8-25 p.m. and there met ANDRE, who had returned in the

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meantime, and remained with him until about 9-45 p.m., visiting various cafes etc in the neighbourhood. They separated at the corner of Theobald's Road and Southampton Row and KATZ was last seen walking down Southampton Row in the direction of Russell Square.

Enquiries have been made at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C. (KATZ's proposed address), and numerous other hotels and boarding houses in the vicinity in an effort to trace where he is staying, but up to the present without success.

Observation will be kept on the offices of the Relief Committee for the Victims of Fascism, Litchfield Street, W.C. (with which Isobel BROWN is connected), and further enquiries made with a view to tracing KATZ.

B. Ward
Sergeant.

Submitted *[Signature]*

Chief Inspector.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT.

*Katz is too well known to
S.B. officers for observation to be
maintained for any length of time*

[Signature]
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Port of Dover.

4th.

August

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KATZ.

In confirmation of telephone message sent to Superintendent at 5-20 p.m. today:-

Otto KATZ, Czecho-slovakian, subject of Superintendent's memorandum of 31st. July 1936, arrived at this port at 5 p.m. today from Calais.

He described himself as a writer and stated that he had come to this country in connection with his publications and also to visit [Miss Ellen Wilkinson.] He was given permission to land as a visitor on condition that he does not remain in the United Kingdom for longer than ten days.

Katz was in possession of passport no. 466 at 1935, issued in Paris on 27th. August 1935.

His proposed address was given as the Royal Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.

The usual search of his baggage by H.M. Customs did not reveal anything of interest to Special Branch.

Description:-

age 41, height 5 ft. 6 ins., hair dark brown, eyes grey, pointed nose, thin lips, pale complexion, rather heavy build, slightly round shouldered.

Dress: reddish fawn mixture suit, fawn shirt and collar, rust coloured tie, dark grey overcoat, grey trilby hat, dark brown shoes.

M. Black
P.C.

Submitted.

J. O. Dwyer
Sergeant.